

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4 and 6 – 13 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowed.

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the Examiner believes that “recording medium” is non-statutory subject matter.

This rejection was discussed during the July 16, 2007 telephone conference with the Examiner. His assistance is greatly appreciated.

As discussed during the interview, the rejection will be withdrawn if the term “recording medium” is replaced with the term “computer-readable medium” which clearly relates to statutory subject matter.

In response, claims 10-13 have been amended to recite a computer-readable medium.

It is noted that this amendment introduces no new matter.


In particular, on page 19, lines 21-24, the specification discloses a CPU of a computer and a memory. The specification indicates that a program may be loaded on a memory. As one skilled in the art would realize, the memory is a computer-readable medium.

In view of the foregoing, and in summary, claims 1-4 and 6-13 are considered to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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